

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, October 20, 2020)
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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communications Director

1. WELCOME

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:02 a.m. in the Chesapeake Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes of October 6, 2020, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

2. PUBLIC HEARING

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Public Hearing - Disposition of surplus real property

Commissioner President Guy opened the Public Hearing at approximately 9:03 a.m.

Present: Dave Weiskopf

A public hearing was held to obtain comments on the sale of county-owned land known as the Alleyway off of South Coral Place adjacent to Tulagi Place, Lexington Park.

Commissioner President Guy requested Dr. Bridgett to provide the format for the public hearing and open the hearing for public comment. No public comment was given. Dr. Bridgett, closed the public hearing for public comment noting that the record would remain open for public comment for an additional seven days. The public hearing at closed approximately 9:09 a.m.

3. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. Economic Development Week
- B. Red Ribbon Week (Southern Maryland Young Marines)
- C. Red Ribbon Week (Health Department)

4. PRESENTATION

A. VIRTUAL RIBBON CUTTING FOR TURF FIELDS

A virtual ribbon cutting video was viewed showcasing the turf field projects in St. Mary's County.

5. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION - Decision - Pollution Prevention and Illicit Discharge, Detection and Elimination Ordinance

I move to approve the new ordinance as presented on this date entitled "Pollution Prevention and Illicit Discharge, Detection and Elimination" with an effective date of January 4, 2021 and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION TO ADJOURN AS COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

I move to adjourn as the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and reconvene as the St. Mary's County Board of Health.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

6. ST MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

A. BOARD OF HEALTH

Present: Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, Health Officer

Dr. Brewster presented the COVID-19 data dashboard on the Health Department's Website. There have been 1,435 COVID-19 cases in St. Mary's County with 59 deaths. Twenty-three percent of county residents have been tested and the positivity rate has decreased. Major sources of community spread of the COVID-19 virus continue to be gatherings, large parties and events. She also discussed the COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance data; the St. Mary's County Health Department Community Outreach program; Mask in St. Mary's initiative; partnering with Equity Task Force for school based Health Centers at Margaret Brent Middle School and Spring Ridge Middle School; and the importance of receiving the influenza vaccine and travel recommendations.

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR OCTOBER 27 AND NOVEMBER 3, 2020.

B. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Supplemental Staffing of County Rescue Squads - Cares Act Funding/COVID OT2020

I move to approve the Department of Emergency Services Supplemental Staffing of County Rescue Squads using the Cares Acting Funding (US2030) and COVID-19 (OT2020) in the amount of \$552,992.00 for the purchase an ambulance and related equipment and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

C. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - GOCPYVS - Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Youth Gun Violence Reduction Initiative Grant Award

I move to approve the grant award documents for the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Youth Gun Violence Reduction Initiative, project #US2122, from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services in the amount of \$100,000, on behalf of the Sheriff's Office, for the purchase of analytical technology and advertisements to promote awareness and safety related to firearms, and the related budget amendment to establish budget authority using the Appropriation Reserve, and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff to execute the related documents and for staff to submit electronically.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

D. SHERIFF'S OFFICE- (GOCPYVS) FY2022 State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP)

I move to approve the grant submission for the FY2022 State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP) program, project MD2230, from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services, and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff to execute the related documents and staff to submit electronically.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

E. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Concurrence to Purchase Equipment and Software using Locally Forfeited Funds

I move to approve the Sheriff's request for concurrence to purchase software and equipment using Locally Forfeited Funds and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

F. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Safe to Learn School Overwatch Program Grant Budget Increase

I move to approve the budget amendment to increase the funding for the Safe to Learn School Overwatch Grant, project OT2002, in the amount of \$5,025, for overtime related costs to monitor and improve safety and security measures in place at St. Mary's County Public Schools, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

G. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - SMCHD & SMCDRC FY2021 Jail Mental Health Services, Five County, and PATH Agreements

I move to approve the FY2021 Jail Mental Health Services, Five County, and PATH Agreements between the St. Mary's County Health Department and the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center, Project #s MD2182, MD2137, and US2103, for a total amount of \$154,411 with no required match and authorize the Sheriff and Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

H. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Solar Task Force extension request

I move to authorize the Solar Task Force to continue meeting monthly and present the final report to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County in June 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

I. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2021 Area Plan Update Application and State Grant Notice of Grant Award

I move to approve the FY2021 Area Plan Application Update and Notice of Grant Award for the state grants, Project #s MD2101, MD2102, MD2104, MD2106, MD2114 from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$594,652 to provide various programs and services to the seniors of St. Mary's County, the related budget amendments for the respective project budgets and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

J. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Proposed Complaint Resolution

I move to approve and sign the amended Resolution regarding citizen complaints.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

8. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events over the past week and provided general comments.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on October 27, 2020.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

10. PUBLIC FORUM

Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communications Director

Commissioner President Guy opened the Public Forum at 6:31 pm.

Public comments given by:

Troy Cowan, 21411 South Essex, Lexington Park, MD 20653
William Bryant, 27272 Cox Dive, Mechanicsville, MD 20659
George Kalnasky, 23305 Maypole Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650
Lee Mason, 21985 Philip Drive, Leonardtown, MD 20650
Jim and Ellynne Davis, 20832 Waterside Drive, Leonardtown, MD 20650
Eugene Aragon, 38583 Birch Hanger Way, Mechanicsville, MD 20653
Pat Gatton, 29855 Point Lookout Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659

Commissioner President Guy closed the Public Forum 7:02 p.m.